

Released Test Stems for STAAR Grade 7 Reading

- The poet helps the reader understand how it felt to [setting in the poem] mainly by—
- The poet places the words [line from the poem in quotations] on a line by themselves most likely because the words—
- The repetition of the line [line or phrase from the poem in quotations] on a line by themselves most likely because the words—
- The repetition of the line [line or phrase from the poem in quotations] suggests that the speaker—
- At the end of the poem, the speaker expresses a feeling of –
- Because the poem is written from the speaker’s point of view, the reader is better able to understand—

Place the lines from the poem in a box like this one.

- Read lines ____ and ____ from the poem.

The poet uses personification/hyperbole/metaphor/etc. in these lines to show that—Which line best communicates the speaker’s feelings of regret/sadness/elation/ or some other emotion?

- In paragraph ____, the word _____ emphasizes—
- In paragraph ____, why does the author include information about _____?
- Why does the author include the italicized paragraph at the end of the selection?
- The author organizes the information in this selection by—
- Why did [the character perform a specific action in the selection]?
- Which sentence best shows that [the character in the selection’s actions] had a lasting impact on his/her life?
- What is the best summary of this selection?

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- What is the BEST way to revise sentence _____?
- Which sentence could be added after sentence _____ to strengthen the introduction to this paper?

Place the sentence in a box like this one.

- [The name of the writer] would like to add the following sentence to the _____ [number of paragraph] paragraph (sentences _____ - _____).

Where is the BEST place to insert the sentence? The word ***[because/since/although/after/when/if/another subordinating conjunction]*** does not appropriately connect the two clauses in sentence _____. Which word should replace the word ***[because/since/although/after/when/if/another subordinating conjunction]***?

- Which sentence in the _____ [number of paragraph] paragraph (sentences _____ - _____) should be deleted?
- Which transition word or phrase could BEST be added to the beginning of sentence _____ to help conclude this paper?